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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1731**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasunori ANDO et al.                                  Group Art Unit: 1731  
Application No.: 10/647,253                                  Examiner: J. HOFFMANN  
Filed: August 26, 2003    Docket No.: 116942  
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR MAKING MICROPOROUS CERAMIC MATERIALS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 26, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-11, 13-15 and 17-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9, 19 and 20 are withdrawn from consideration.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hoffmann at the interview held November 14, 2005, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.